

Boston

**Thursday, August 3, 2017 -
Saturday, August 5, 2017**

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Saturday, August 5

12:00pm – 1:00pm

NCSL Task Force on Immigration, Legislative Summit

Working Lunch (Optional, Invitation has been extended by (b)(6))
Lunch available starting at 11:30am

1:00pm – 4:00pm

NCSL Task Force on Immigration, Legislative Summit

Site: Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel – Stone Meeting Room

Address: 425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

Session: 1:30pm – 2:00pm

POC: (b)(6)

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Flight:

United Flight 363, Leaving BOS @ 7:30pm, Arriving IAD @ 9:11pm

Mass Times

#3 is about the same distance as option #1, #2, and #4.



At Exit 18 follow signs for "Cambridge". Go across Charles River after exit and left on Memorial Drive. Right at Plympton Street or JFK Street and right again on Mt. Auburn Street to rear of Church.

3. St. Paul - 0.87 miles - Cambridge, Massachusetts - Parish Website

Mass Times

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM (During School Year)

Monday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM

Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Holy Days:

Weekdays: 1:00 AM (Times Vary Call Parish to Confirm)

Vigil for Holy Days:

Weekdays: 1:00 AM (Times Vary Call Parish to Confirm)

Update This Parish's Data

Rite: Roman-Latin, Language: English

(617) 491-8400

29 Mt. Auburn Street

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138-6097

4. St. Mary of the Annunciation - 0.99 miles - Cambridge, Massachusetts - Parish Website

Mass Times

Sunday: 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM (Language: Spanish), 7:30 PM (Language: Spanish)

Monday: 8:00 AM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM

Friday: 8:00 AM, 7:30 PM (Language: Spanish)

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Google Directions:

Head south

Turn right toward Memorial Dr

Turn right onto Memorial Dr

Turn right onto Plympton St

Turn right onto Mt Auburn St

Turn left


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Destination will be on the left

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Agency Record Locator: (b)(4)

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AIR	Wednesday, 2AUG 2017	
United Airlines	Flight Number: 822	Class: Y-Coach/Economy
From: (IAD) Washington Dulles DC, USA	Depart: 05:13 PM	
To: (BOS) Boston MA, USA	Arrive: 06:54 PM	
Stops: Nonstop	Duration: 1 hour(s) 41 minute(s)	
Seats: 30D	Status: CONFIRMED	Miles: 406 / 650 KM
Equipment: Airbus A320 Jet		
ARRIVES BOS TERMINAL B		
Frequent Flyer Number: (b)(6)		
United Airlines Confirmation number is (b)(6)		
Check in on-line to obtain boarding pass: United		
Click here for Baggage policies and fees: United		

HOTEL	Wednesday, 2AUG 2017	
Courtyard Cambridge Marriott (COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT) 777 Memorial Drive Cambridge MA 02139 US		
Number of Rooms: 1	Confirmation Number: (b)(6)	
Phone: 1 617-4927777	Fax: 1 617-4926038	
Rate: USD 262.00	Room GUARANTEED TO VISA	
Check Out: Saturday, 5AUG 2017	Reserved For: LLOYD EDWARD SCOTT	
Hotel membership: (b)(6)		
Room Type: FAB		

Approximate total: 776.08USD

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Credit card required at check-in

AIR	Saturday, 5AUG 2017		
	United Airlines From: (BOS) Boston MA, USA To: (IAD) Washington Dulles DC, USA Stops: Nonstop Seats: 32D Equipment: Boeing 737-900 Jet DEPARTS BOS TERMINAL B Frequent Flyer Number: (b)(6) United Airlines Confirmation number is (b)(4) Check in on-line to obtain boarding pass: United Click here for Baggage policies and fees: United	Flight Number: 363 Depart: 07:30 PM Arrive: 09:11 PM Duration: 1 hour(s) 41 minute(s) Status: CONFIRMED	Class: Y-Coach/Economy Miles: 406 / 650 KM
TOUR	Sunday, 3DEC 2017		

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Ticket/Invoice Information:

Ticket for: EDWARDS SCOTT LLOYD
Date issued: 07/28/2017 Invoice nbr: 194702
Ticket Nbr: (b)(6) Electronic: Yes Amount: 210.40 USD
Base: 169.30 USD US Tax: 12.70 USD GST/HST Tax: 0.00 XT Tax: 28.40 USD
Charged to: (b)(6)
Service Fee: EDWARDS LLOYD
Date issued: 07/28/2017
Document Nbr: (b)(6) Amount: 8.26 USD

Total Tickets: 210.40
Total Fees: 8.26
Total Amount: 218.66

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Repatriation Briefing
MEMA Headquarters
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 East)
Framingham, MA 01702-5399

Conference Call # and Directions to MEMA

Below, please find a conference line for those individuals who are not able to attend in-person.

Conference number: (b)(4)

Access code: (b)(4)

MEMA Headquarters is located at 400 Worcester Road (Route 9 east), Framingham, MA 01702-5399. See below directions.

From the east (traveling on Mass Pike (I-90) west)

- Take the Mass Pike (I-90) west to Exit 13 (Natick/Framingham - Route 30).
- Take Route 30 west towards Framingham and drive for approximately 2 miles until the intersection with Route 9.
- Turn right onto Route 9 west. (Note that the MEMA communication towers are visible across Route 9 on the eastbound side.)
- Continue approximately 0.5 miles on Route 9 west. Turn right into the Whole Foods parking lot to turn around. Turn left out of the back of Whole Foods parking lot onto Prospect Street.
- Turn left at the lights onto Route 9 east for approximately 0.5 miles.
- The MEMA property is on the right side, directly after the Massachusetts State Police Headquarters and is marked by three tall communications towers. MEMA headquarters is underground; enter through the vestibule on the west side (State Police side) of the facility and follow the ramp to the reception desk.

From the west (traveling on Mass Pike (I-90) east)

- Take the Mass Pike (I-90) east to Exit 12 (Framingham - Route 9).
- Take Route 9 east towards Framingham for approximately 5 miles.
- The MEMA property is on the right side, directly after the Massachusetts State Police Headquarters and is marked by three tall communications towers. MEMA headquarters is underground; enter through the vestibule on the west side (State Police side) of the facility and follow the ramp to the reception desk.

Meeting Agenda

Weekly Check-in w/ Elizabeth
Tuesday, August 1, 2017
3:00 pm EST

Discussion Items

1. Introduction
2. Memorandum of Understanding between ACF and ASPR (12/2016)
 - a. Brief overview
 - i. Roles and responsibilities
 - ii. HHS internal coordination and management
 - iii. ACF Guidelines
 - b. MOU and state impact
 - i. NERP and Update: Federal notification and Support
 - ii. State role and responsibility
 - iii. HHS regional support to MA
3. U.S. Repatriation Program and agreement with the state of MA
 - a. Potential concerns and solutions
 - b. Next steps
4. Non-emergency and discussion
5. Other

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New American Center

A MASSACHUSETTS COALITION OF GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY-BASED MINORITY ORGANIZATIONS

Working together for a better Commonwealth

The New American Center (NAC), first established in 2002 at the Community Minority Cultural Center at 298 Union Street in Lynn, is a multi-ethnic, multi-service site providing culturally appropriate and linguistically accessible social service assistance to refugees and immigrants in the greater Lynn area. The New American Center was created by the Mutual Assistance Association Coalition (MAA Coalition)—a Massachusetts collaboration of grassroots ethnic community organizations—in order to meet the needs of large numbers of increasingly diverse newcomers to Lynn. Now located at 20 Wheeler Street in Lynn, seven MAAs and one Voluntary Resettlement Agency (VOLAG) have offices or satellite offices at the New American Center. NAC houses satellite offices of three Boston-based agencies: Russian Community Association of Massachusetts, the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (a Somali-based organization), and the International Institute of New England (IINE). It also houses the main offices of the Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development, the Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization, and Congolese Development Center.

The New American Center is a model for effective multi-ethnic service delivery and has become a vibrant community center often used for neighborhood events. The collaborative's main mission is to assist newly arriving refugees of all ethnicities with integration into American society, to promote self-sufficiency, to build bridges with the larger community, and to foster the maintenance of refugees' cultural identities.

The New American Center provides services to approximately 600 refugees annually with services that include case management, preventive health program, post-resettlement community services, computer training, vocational ESL/literacy, pre- and post-employment services, job skills trainings, citizenship assistance and program for elders. In addition, through collaboration with the Lynn Public Schools on a Refugee School Impact project, the New American Center currently offers parent-school liaison services, and after school and summer programs for refugee students.

The New American Center has opted not to establish itself as a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization. Instead, all projects are taken on by a lead agency from among the Coalition members, who in turn subcontracts with the other member agencies. For example, the Russian Community Association of Massachusetts is the lead agency for the Refugee Preventive Health Project, with subcontracts to the Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center, Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development and the Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization. This model has allowed agencies from multiple communities to work effectively as partners on joint projects, without creating duplicative administration structures.



The American Revolution

1776-1777
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Organizational Overview

History and Overview

Founded in Lowell, Massachusetts in 1919, the International Institute of New England (IINE) is one of the oldest and largest social service organizations for new Americans in the region. In 2016, the Institute served 1,737 refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, Central American families, Cuban and Haitian entrants, and a broad range of other immigrants at our field offices in Boston, Lowell, and Manchester, New Hampshire. Last year, IINE provided resettlement, case management, adult education, youth services, job training and placement, and citizenship programming to people from 67 different countries.

The Institute is a leader in the creation of programs and services for new Americans. Our expertise comes from almost 100 years of welcoming immigrants from every region of the world and more than 40 years of *resettling* refugees in New England. IINE is one of the few service providers in the region that specializes in receiving and placing refugees in local communities. With insights from this unique service, we have developed time-tested integration programming for both refugees and immigrants. At a time when the national debate over immigration is more intense than at any time in recent history, our work and expertise are vital to helping newcomers and to educating the broader public about the value new Americans bring to our region.

Mission

The International Institute's mission is to invest in the future of New England's cities and towns by helping refugees and immigrants become active participants in the social, political, and economic richness of American life. Historically and today, IINE's clients are overwhelmingly persecuted, low-income immigrants with limited support networks, and are traditionally among the most underserved groups in the U.S.

Programming

With insights from the people and cities we serve, we have been able to create a holistic continuum of care for each refugee and immigrant in our programming:

- **Refugee Resettlement** – We receive and place an average of 600 refugees each year in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our work during a refugee family's first 90 days in the U.S. involves preparing an apartment for each new arrival, receiving families at local airports, accompanying all family members to initial medical appointments, enrolling members in public benefits and health care plans, assisting families as they enroll their children in public schools, guiding refugees through a cultural orientation program, teaching them enough English to secure employment, and helping adults find good jobs.
- **Case Management** – IINE provides intensive support to refugees during their first year in the U.S., and we focus much of our efforts on helping all enrolled clients stabilize economically by preparing adults for employment and career advancement, lifelong financial management, and literacy and language skills. We have a unique emphasis on family reunification, including helping Central American families reunify with their children and assisting refugees as they petition for loved ones to join them in the United States.

- **Literacy and Education** – Our staff teaches vocational English to more than 500 new Americans each year, and our Boston site runs a Tier-1, multi-level evening English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program. We also provide support to refugee youth in Lowell and Manchester.
- **Job Placement and Training** – The Institute provides job training and placement services to approximately 700 refugees and immigrants each year, placing clients at nearly 150 companies in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
- **Pathways to Citizenship** – We provide programs and services in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that help refugees and immigrants adjust their legal status and prepare for citizenship.

The International Institute of New England's Five Point Continuum of Care



Accomplishments

Major accomplishments in the past year include:

- The Institute resettled 623 refugees in Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire in 2016, representing 25% of all refugees resettled in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. The Institute is the second largest resettlement organization in the region.
- Refugees served by the Institute in 2016 fled violence and persecution in 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma (Myanmar), Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, and Syria.
- In FY16, the Institute served almost 500 people in our English language programs.

- For the past three years, our Boston site's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program has earned the highest rating – Tier 1 – from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The Institute has 275 people on the waiting list for this program and will expand it in 2018.
- 88% of the graduates of the Institute's in-demand intensive vocational training programs were placed in full-time service industry jobs upon completion of the program in 2016, earning an average hourly wage of \$15.85, a significant jump from their previous income.
- The Institute provided employment counseling services to 686 refugees and immigrants in 2016, 71% of whom received a job placement within six months of starting the program.
- Last year, IINE staff placed new Americans at more than 146 companies across Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Our job preparation and placement services were critical to the economic growth of a region with low unemployment and significant labor shortages.
- IINE operates the largest program in Greater Boston reuniting Central American children with their families. Last year, we brought together 114 families, including many who had been separated for a decade or more.
- Between October of 2016 and March of 2017, the number of volunteers at IINE offices grew to 217 people, triple the number from the previous year. In the first part of 2017, more than 1,000 people participated in the Institute's events to learn about our work and to support refugees and immigrants.

Public-Private Partnership

The Institute relies on public and private support to do its important work. This year, 65% of funding is expected to come from federal, state, and local grants and contracts, and 35% of our funding comes from individuals, corporations and foundations. As a public-private partnership, the International Institute leverages public dollars and private donations to serve some of the most vulnerable individuals and families in New England.

We are subject to close scrutiny and monitoring from the federal and state government as well as our national organization, the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). This level of oversight assures private foundations and donors that our services are of the highest quality.



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The fourth part of the document discusses the importance of regular audits. It states that audits should be conducted at least once a year to ensure that all transactions are properly recorded and that the accounts are balanced. The document provides a checklist for conducting an audit and explains how to interpret the results.

The fifth part of the document describes the process for closing the books at the end of the year. It explains how to calculate the total income and expenses for the year and how to determine the net profit or loss. The document also provides a checklist for closing the books and explains how to prepare the final financial statements.

The sixth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all assets and liabilities. It states that every asset and liability should be clearly documented, including its value and location. This ensures that the organization's financial position is accurately reflected in its records.

The seventh part of the document outlines the procedures for handling changes in the organization's structure. It states that any change in the organization's structure, such as a merger or acquisition, should be carefully documented and accounted for in the financial records. The document provides a checklist for handling such changes and explains how to update the financial statements.

The eighth part of the document describes the process for preparing the annual financial statements. It explains how to compile all the data from the previous year and how to prepare the balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. The document also provides a checklist for preparing the financial statements and explains how to present them to the board of directors.

The ninth part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all taxes and other legal obligations. It states that every tax and other legal obligation should be clearly documented, including the amount and due date. This ensures that the organization is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The tenth part of the document outlines the procedures for handling changes in the organization's tax status. It states that any change in the organization's tax status, such as a change in the type of business or a change in the location, should be carefully documented and accounted for in the financial records. The document provides a checklist for handling such changes and explains how to update the financial statements.

BOSTON CENTER FOR REFUGEE HEALTH & HUMAN RIGHTS at Boston Medical Center

FAQs:

What does BCRHHR do?

We provide comprehensive medical and mental health care coordinated with social services and legal aid for asylum seekers, refugees, survivors of torture, and their families. We also train professionals to serve this population, conduct research to understand and implement best-practices, and promote health and human rights, locally and globally, to improve the quality of life for survivors of torture and their communities.

What countries do most of your clients come from?

The vast majority of our clients come from Africa, with the top three countries being Uganda, Somalia, and Cameroon.

How do refugees and asylum seekers find out about the program?

Most clients are referred to us by their attorney, a resettlement agency or health care provider. A significant portion of our clients learn about us through word of mouth from family and friends in their communities.

Do you collaborate with other organizations in the area?

Yes, we are a member of the [National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs \(NCTTP\)](#). Since we provide a comprehensive range of services, we collaborate closely with immigration lawyers, other health care providers, and other social and refugee related agencies.

Bio of Lin Piwowarczyk, MD, MPH (Director and Co-Founder)

Dr. Lin Piwowarczyk, Co-Founder of the Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights (BCRHHR) is a psychiatrist at Boston Medical Center, board certified in Psychiatry and Internal Medicine. She first began working with refugees in 1993, as a Fellow in International Psychiatry at the Indochinese Psychiatry Clinic. Dr. Piwowarczyk also completed an internship at the Geneva headquarters of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. She specializes in the mental health evaluation and treatment of refugees and torture survivors, and is currently the principal investigator for a grant funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, addressing, in part, the holistic treatment of survivors of torture. Since 2002, Dr. Piwowarczyk has served on the Executive Committee of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs and was elected NCTTP President in 2011. In 2009, she was awarded the Sarah Haley Memorial Award for Clinical Excellence from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She is also a recipient of the Local Legends Award from the National Library of Medicine that honors female physicians and with BCRHHR colleagues, the Kenneth B. Schwartz Compassionate Caregiver Award Honorable Mention. A Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, she has presented on the topic of torture, locally, nationally, and internationally and has published several articles in various medical journals.

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Boston Center for Refugee Health & Human Rights at Boston Medical Center The Year 2015 In Numbers

Who are our clients?



GENDER



384

TOTAL

Age Distribution



Where do our clients come from?

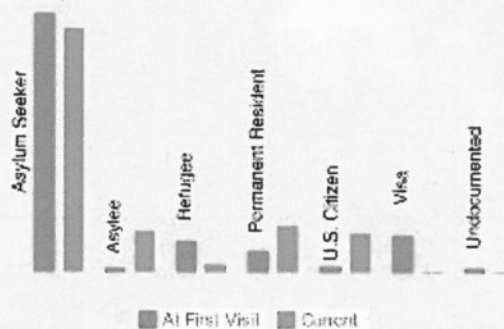


Top 10 Countries of Origin

Uganda
Cameroon
Somalia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ethiopia
Iraq
Syria
Syrian Arab Republic
China

What is their immigration status?

20 Clients were granted asylum in 2015



Immigration Status	First Visit	Current
Asylum Seeker	72%	68%
Asylee	1%	10%
Refugee	8%	2%
Permanent Resident	5.7%	7%
U.S. Citizen	1.5%	11%
Temporary Protected Status	0.8%	0.5%
Undocumented	1%	0%
Visa	9.6%	-
Derivative Asylee	0%	1%

**Travel
Phone List
Boston**

Travelers

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Scott Lloyd
Elizabeth Russell

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Cell:
Cell:

Regional Rep Contact

Lisa Raffonelli

Cell: (b)(6)

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Sarah Lucas

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Cell: NA (Personal Phone has work email)

Marquittia Coleman

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777 Memorial Drive Cambridge MA 02139
Phone: 617-492-7777

Massachusetts ORR Refugee Program Briefing

I. Refugee Program Background

The Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI) is the agency responsible for administering the Wilson Fish (WF) refugee resettlement program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In place since 1995, MORI subcontracts with USCCB, USCRI, LIRS, ECDC, EMM, and HIAS Resettlement Agency partners to implement the WF program in four primary areas of the state: the greater Boston metropolitan area (including the North Shore); Lowell and the Merrimack Valley; Worcester County, and Hampden County (Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield). MORI is a stand-alone agency located within the Executive Office for Health and Human Services; the Executive Director assumes the role of State Refugee Coordinator and is appointed by the Governor.

MORI provides a comprehensive set of benefits and services to refugees resettling in Massachusetts through the WF program, which include RCA; core and intensive refugee case management; integrated pre and post-employment job services and English language training; literacy training; vocational skills training; Vocational English Language Training (VELT); re/certification training; post resettlement community services; refugee citizenship services; translation and interpreter services; social adjustment services; and youth adjustment services.

State Refugee Coordinator: Mary Truong, Executive Director, Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (MORI), MA Executive Office for Health and Human Services (EOHHS)

State Refugee Health Coordinator: Jennifer Cochran, Director, Refugee and Immigrant Health Program, MA Department of Public Health (DPH)

Consultations

MORI holds mandatory quarterly “Welcoming Network” consultations, held quarterly, which cover the four geographical regions of the Commonwealth: Eastern MA (Suffolk & Essex Counties); Merrimack Valley; Worcester County; and Hampden County. Additional regional consultations occur as needed, along with periodic program-based meetings (regional and/or statewide) to provide opportunities for information sharing and strategizing to resolve issues. Additionally, MORI works with local partners in the resettlement communities (e.g., Mayors’ offices, school systems, local Boards of Health, public safety entities, public assistance offices) to prepare them for the arrival of new refugee populations.

II. Total ORR Funding for Refugee Services and Programs

\$18,623,221 in ORR funding went to the state in FY2016 to serve refugees and eligible populations. Of this total, nearly all funds were issued to the state-administered Wilson/Fish program; less than ten percent went directly to community based organizations and providers. For a complete list of ORR funding, see [Appendix A](#).

III. FY2016 Arrivals - Top Locations

Sections to be completed by DRA, URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

The top five countries of origin of refugees in MA were the Democratic Republic of Congo, Haiti, and Iraq, each with 15% of the arriving population; Somalia (12%), and Bhutan (10%). Resettlement occurs in four urban areas: greater Boston, including the North Shore (approximately 20% of arrivals); Lowell (approximately 13% of arrivals); Metrowest/Worcester, with approximately 30% of arrivals, and Western MA (Springfield, Westfield, West Springfield), with about 37% of arrivals.

IV. State Administered Formula Programs

1. The Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program reimburses states for 100 percent of services provided to refugees and other eligible persons, as well as associated administrative costs for the following:

- Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
- Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (URM)

ORR clients determined ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid may be eligible for RCA and RMA for up to eight months from the date of arrival in the U.S., date of final grant of asylum for asylees, or date of certification for trafficking victims.

a) Refugee Cash Assistance and TANF

MORI provides monthly cash assistance to RCA-eligible clients based on MA TANF payment standards, in accordance with Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) regulations. The state agency also receives funding from the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) for job placement and job upgrades for refugees who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). RCA payment rates mirror the state's TANF rates:

Case Size	Rate	Case Size	Rate
1	\$428	4	\$731
2	\$531	5	\$832
3	\$633	6	\$936

RCA eligibility determination, enrollment, case maintenance, and recipient file documentation are duties performed under the Refugee Case Management (RCM) contract; RCA Case Managers at the Resettlement Agencies are responsible for determining eligibility for RCA at the initial point of application, and on a monthly basis throughout the RCA eligibility period. They also determine eligibility for the Early Employment Retention Bonus (EERB) for employment 1) gained within 4 months from their date of time eligibility (within 6 months for Cuban and Haitian Entrants) and 2) maintained for a 90-day period.

In May 2014, MORI issued a policy directive establishing a clear set of protocols to encourage Resettlement Agencies to distribute RCA checks to recipients from their offices rather than continue the practice of directly mailing checks to recipients. This check delivery method became mandatory for all new RCA recipients in FFY15.

b) Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) and Refugee Medical Screening (RMS)

The Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) has an Interdepartmental Service Agreement with the Office of MassHealth, Executive Office of Health and Human Services for the provision of RMA. Local resettlement agencies have the responsibility for determining initial RMA eligibility for clients they resettle who are ineligible for Medicaid. The RMA income standard is 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Massachusetts has expanded Medicaid coverage to low-income adults without dependent children. RMA enrollees should mostly consist of refugees whose income falls between 133% and 200% FPL or former Medicaid clients who lost coverage due to employment but are still within the eight month eligibility period.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) oversees the medical screening program through an Interdepartmental Service Agreement with ORI. DPH contracts with community health centers or hospital-based clinics for the provision of medical services. RMA funds most direct medical screening costs and some costs associated with coordinating screenings. DPH tracks medical screening data in MAVEN

c) Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URMs)**Background**

The Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) program was developed in the late 1970s to address the needs of children who entered the U.S. as refugees without a parent or guardian to care for them. Over the years Congress has passed additional legislation authorizing URM eligibility to other categories of unaccompanied children such as asylees, Cuban/Haitian Entrants, trafficking victims, certain Special Immigrant Juveniles, and U-visa recipients. Eligible children are placed into the URM program and receive the same range of child welfare benefits and services available to other children in the State, including those identified in the State's plans under Title IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act.

Grantee/Administration

Massachusetts Office of Refugees and Immigrants (MORI) is the state agency responsible for administering the URM program. MORI has an Interdepartmental Service Agreement (ISA) with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the provision of URM services. MORI, DCF, and URM program staff have shown strong coordination and communication in administering services. URM services have been provided by Massachusetts since 1980.

Legal Responsibility

Massachusetts is a public custody state. DCF obtains legal custody for the children in their care through a court hearing for those children under 18, and through a Voluntary Placement Agreement (VPA) up to 72 hours before the child's 18th birthday. As such, all URMs in Massachusetts receive Medicaid benefits (Mass Health) to cover their medical, dental, and mental health care and are eligible for independent living services, education and training vouchers (ETVs), and discharge support from DCF.

Sections to be completed by DRA, URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

Placements

DCF procures URM services and contracts with Ascentria Care Alliance (a LIRS affiliate) for case management and placement services. DCF oversees placements in foster homes, therapeutic foster care, group homes, and specialized residential care settings across the Commonwealth. MORI has been exceptional in placing high needs youth including pregnant and parenting teens.

URMs Served by Massachusetts in FY 2016		
City: Worcester	Agency Name: Ascentria Care Alliance	194
Total for state		194

Data in the above table was drawn from the URM database on 3/15/17 and is subject to change as database records are reconciled.

2. Refugee Social Services

The Refugee Social Services Program funds services to refugees to help them obtain employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency in the shortest time possible. Employment and support services are designed to enable refugees to obtain jobs within one year of becoming enrolled in the program.

- Employment Services include: employability assessment, job search, vocational English Language services/ESL, vocational education, on the job training, case management, assistance with daycare, assistance in obtaining employment documents, translation/interpretation assistance, transportation assistance, job development, job upgrade services, and job retention services.
- Support services include: daycare, translation and interpretation for purposes other than employment, citizenship and naturalization preparation services, home management, financial literacy services, and case management services.

Refugees in the following categories receive service priority:

- New arrivals in their first year in the U.S.
- Those receiving cash assistance
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance
- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

Eligibility for ORR-funded RES is limited to employable adults ages 18 through 64, who have not yet naturalized, 16 and 17 year olds who will not go to high school but plan to work full-time, and high school students ages 16 through 22, who are in need of part-time jobs. Refugee Employment Services available to employable clients include pre-employment services, post-employment services, and ongoing employment-oriented case management. There are three primary employment services provided through RSS/Formula funds to support Refugee Employment Services (RES): 1) Comprehensive Refugee Employment Services Program (CRES); 2) Re-Certification training grants, and 3) Transportation assistance.

CRES is an integrated employment/ESOL program for all eligible employable adults providing the following core services:

- Intake and orientation, including vocational and ESOL assessment, development of the FSSP;
- Core pre-employment services (job readiness training fully integrated with employment- oriented ESOL and literacy training where needed, job development, job counseling, vocational skills training when required for initial employment, job search and placement assistance, RES case management to remove barriers to employment, daycare assistance, transportation assistance, translation and interpreter services, and EAD assistance);
- Core post-employment services (job retention assistance (follow-up and mediation with employer and employed client), job upgrade assistance, career and higher education counseling and planning, vocational skills training when required for job upgrade or re/certification, and ongoing RES case management and related assistance to remove barriers to job retention and employment upgrade).

Employability Services offered under CRES are supplemented and complemented by additional programs for employable clients provided under TAG/Formula and TAG/Discretionary funding when available. These services target sub-populations with special needs and/or within specific geographic areas, and offer additional services, such as longer term/intensive vocational skills training, that may not be available through the primary basic employment services program, CRES.

- **Services to Older Refugees Set-Aside:**

MORI contracted with local partnerships to serve refugee elders in Worcester; Western Massachusetts (Greater Springfield); and the North Shore (Lynn); three areas with large numbers of older refugees, including Bhutanese, Burmese, Congolese, Iraqi, Somali and other African refugees. Called the Program to Enhance Elder Refugee Services (PEERS), services include case management; referrals to mainstream services; assistance with naturalization; home visits; mental health support; farm/community garden and farmers' market participation; and assistance with housing applications.

- **Refugee School Impact Program Set-Aside:**

MORI contracts with Resettlement Agencies (3); School Districts (3) and MAAs (2) to provide School Impact programs in Boston, Lynn, Lowell, Worcester, and Hampden County (Springfield, West Springfield, and Westfield). Programs provided refugee students and their parents with school liaisons; tutoring; after-school and summer programs; English classes; translation and interpretation at the schools; social and cultural adjustment activities; and other supports.

3. Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG)

The Targeted Assistance Grant services are similar to Refugee Social Services; however they are distinctive in that they prioritize:

- Cash assistance recipients, particularly long-term recipients
- Unemployed refugees not receiving cash assistance

- Employed refugees in need of services to retain employment or to attain economic independence

MORI currently receives TAG/Formula funds for Suffolk, Middlesex, Worcester and Hampden Counties. The TAG/Formula services that are provided in these four counties complement the Wilson/Fish social services, and are intended to result in economic self-sufficiency and reduced welfare dependency of eligible populations through the attainment of employment in less than one year from enrollment. TAG/Formula services also provide skills training options (e.g. hospitality training, food service training, CNA/HHA training, customer service training, industry specific training, financial literacy, bank teller training and driver's education programs) which are generally not available through the RSS-F CRES program.

V. Discretionary Grants

State Administered Discretionary Grants in Massachusetts

1. Targeted Assistance Discretionary

The TAG-D program, called Empowering Families (EF), assists TANF-eligible employable participants to gain higher-quality employment and higher wages. Empowering Families draws on core refugee employment services and integrated ESOL while providing enhanced assessment, case management, gender-specific discussion groups (Tea Circles), industry-related vocational skills training, Driver's training, licensing assistance, and other supportive employability services. Empowering Families has been provided by two contracted service providers in the Lynn and Lowell refugee resettlement regions.

2. Health Promotion

Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants (ORI) in Boston is awarded \$120,000 in Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) funds. RHP funds support the Massachusetts Refugee Health Promotion Program coordinator staff position at ORI. ORI provides the majority of RHP funds, through contractual agreements, to 5 local organizations and partnerships throughout the state that provide health workshops, assistance enrolling in health insurance programs, and coordination of health services for refugees, and trainings for service providers on refugee-specific needs. These contracts are held with: 1) Lutheran Social Services of New England (LSS) in partnership with Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts (JFSWM) in Western Massachusetts, 2) Somali Development Center in partnership with Ethiopian Community MAA and Haitian American Public Health Initiative in Greater Boston, 3) Russian Community Association of Massachusetts (RCAM) in partnership with Bosnian Community Center for Resource Development (BCCRD), Congolese Development Center (CDC), Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC), and Southern Sudanese Solidarity Organization (SSSO) in Lynn, 4) Edward M. Kennedy Health Center (EMKHC) in Worcester, and 5) International Institute of New England (IINE).

Discretionary Grants Administered by Resettlement Agency or Other Service Providers

1. Survivors of Torture Program

Sections to be completed by DRA, URM, DRH, and DRS are highlighted as indicated.

The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at Boston Medical Center receives \$395,200 each year to provide comprehensive care and case management services to 275 survivors and their families annually in the domains of mental health, primary care, case management, career development, patient navigation, and asylum evaluations was awarded to this grantee.

The Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma (HPRT) receives \$360,620 annually to serve approximately 800 Cambodian survivors and newly arrived survivors from other ethnic groups through the Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) by providing mental health care and specialized treatment for those who fail conventional treatment. HPRT offers programs in health promotion, diabetes complex care management, and a training-of-trainers program for community health clinics serving torture survivors statewide. HPRT also continues to disseminate the specialized assessment tools, Harvard Trauma Questionnaire and Hopkins Symptoms Checklist-25.

2. Matching Grant Program

The Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program (MG) was created in 1979 as an intensive case management program with the objective to fast track new arrivals toward economic self-sufficiency within four to six months (120 – 180 days) of program eligibility, without accessing public cash assistance. Enrollment in MG is available to all ORR-eligible populations meeting minimum employability requirements and to the extent funding is available. However, clients must be enrolled within 31 days of becoming eligible to ensure adequate services are provided and self-sufficiency is achieved and maintained within the period of eligibility. As demand for MG Program services continues to exceed available funding, enrollment is not available to all those eligible and desirous of program services.

Client services provided through the Resettlement Agencies Matching Grant Program include, but are not limited to, case management, employment services, housing and utilities, food, transportation, cash allowance, health and medical, English language training, social adjustment, and other support services.

The MG Program is designed to work in concert with the Reception and Placement (R&P) program for refugees offered by the Department of State (DOS), and the Cuban & Haitian Entrant Reception and Placement (R&P) program offered by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Thus, funding under the MG Program is open only to those resettlement agencies that already provide R&P services through a cooperative agreement with the DOS or DHS. Congress confirmed this approach to the program in the 1986 Refugee Assistance Extension Act. The MG Program requires a grantee match of \$1 (cash and/or in-kind) for every \$2 in Federal funding.

City	Grantee	Local MG Service Provider	FY 2017 Projected Enrollment Slots	FY 2017 Projected Federal Funding	Local Contact

Sections to be completed by **DRA**, **URM**, **DRH**, and **DRS** are highlighted as indicated.

WORCESTER	ECDC	Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center (RIAC)	40	\$88,000	Miriam A. Gas mgas@riacboston.org
WEST SPRINGFIELD	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	40	\$88,000	Mohammed Najeeb mnajeeb@ascentria.org
WORCESTER	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	40	\$88,000	Lisa Ann Brennan lbrennan@ascentria.org
LOWELL	USCRI	International Institute of New England-Lowell	100	\$220,000	Jeffrey Thielman jthielman@iine.us
State Total			220	\$484,000	

3. Preferred Communities Program

The Preferred Communities Program's goals are the successful resettlement and integration of especially vulnerable ORR client populations and the enhancement of agencies' capacity to serve such populations at new or established PC locations. Specialized services such as intensive case management is intended to result in these refugees' attainment of self-sufficiency in the area of their lives impacted by their particular vulnerability, which may include, but is not limited to, medical disabilities, trauma, and lack of access to supporting services.

PC Project Location	Resettlement Agency	Local Affiliate Name	Focus	AmeriCorps Site	Local Funding Amount	Local Contact Information
Springfield	HIAS	Jewish Family Service of Western Massachusetts	Physical & mental health	N	\$57,000	Deirdre Griffin; dgriffin@jfswm.org
Westfield	LIRS	Ascentria Care Alliance	N/A	Y	\$19,000	Mohammed Najeeb; mnajeeb@ascentria.org
Worcester	ECDC	Refugee & Immigrant Assistance Center	Case management; emergency assistance; health; youth	N	\$60,000	Anab Egal; aegal@riacboston.org

Sections to be completed by **DRA**, **URM**, **DRH**, and **DRS** are highlighted as indicated.

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4. Microenterprise Development Program

The Microenterprise Development Program helps refugees develop, expand, or maintain their own businesses and become financially independent. To equip refugees with the skills and resources they need to become successful entrepreneurs, the program provides training and technical assistance in business plan development, management, bookkeeping, and marketing; credit in the form of micro-loans up to a maximum of \$15,000 which is repayable with interest during the project period. MED projects are encouraged to leverage funding for the project from other sources in order to meet the capital need of the clients and to enhance the sustainability of the program.

Boston - The Massachusetts Office of Refugee and Immigrants (MORI)

600 Washington Street,

Boston, MA

Jennifer Schamel: jennifer.schamel@state.ma.us

MORI was funded \$250,000 per year for four years (09/29/2013-09/30/2017) to implement a Microenterprise Development Project. The project is being implemented in the Greater Boston area in partnership with Jewish Vocational Services and in the Greater area of Worcester and Springfield in partnership with Lutheran Social Services of New England. The main goal of the program is to assist newly arrived refugees in attaining economic self-sufficiency by giving them loan capital and providing them sustained technical assistance. As of September 30, 2016, the project has made 122 loans for \$1,712,515, created/retained 203 jobs, and leveraged \$106,500.

5. Refugee Individual Development Accounts Program

Individual Development Accounts (IDA) are matched savings accounts designed to help refugees save for a specific purchase. Under the IDA program, the matching funds, together with the refugee's own savings from their employment, are available for purchasing one (or more) of four savings goals: home purchase, small business development, post-secondary education or training, or an automobile for employment purposes. Refugees also receive basic financial literacy training and training focused on their specific savings goal(s).

GRANTEE	CITY	STATE	PROJECT START	PROJECT END	AMOUNT	CONTACT
International Institute of Boston	Boston	MA	9/30/2016	9/29/2019	\$245,817	Emily Leslie (b)(6)@iine.org

Boston – International Institute of Boston \$245,817

The organization is a previous grantee of the program but is in the first year of a new three-year project period. While progress for the grant has not been reported yet, the grantee proposed to accomplish the following during its project period:

- Enroll 223 eligible refugee individuals and families into the program
- Establish savings accounts for all 223 clients
- Provide financial literacy training for all clients and their family members
- Assist in the purchase of at least 200 assets to help establish economic self-sustainability

VI. Employment Outcomes

Massachusetts reported 71 percent of Match Grant participants as self-sufficient at Day 180. Within the GPRA-AOGP caseload that is over seven times larger than the MG caseload, outcomes are slightly better, with 71% of clients entering employment, 86% achieving 90-day retention, and an average wage of \$11.15

VII. Major Issues/Concerns

Catholic Charities of Boston Pauses Refugee R&P: USCCB placed a temporary halt on resettlement through Catholic Charities of Boston (CCB) in FY2016, due to challenges the agency has been facing in securing affordable housing in the greater Boston and Merrimack Valley areas. The affiliate reopened its R&P program at the start of FY2017, but continues to face challenges with housing.

Jewish Family Service of Metrowest (JFS) to Re-Open: The HIAS affiliate, located in Framingham, had halted the provision of resettlement services at this location in FY2016, but planned to re-initiate services in FY2017 with the expanded caseload, utilizing a modified community-sponsored model with extensive volunteer involvement. However, recent changes to the admissions ceiling may put another pause on arrivals through the agency this year.

Catholic Charities of Western Massachusetts: This office of USCCB was approved as an expanded resettlement site for FY2017, to resettle in the Springfield/Northampton area. With recent changes to the resettlement ceiling, the agency has not received any arrivals to date.

MORI Staffing: ORR has recommended in recent years that MORI work to reduce staffing, especially under the WF funding. Since FY 2011, FTEs charged to the WF program have been incrementally rising, as have staff positions overall, despite statements each year that MORI has worked to trim staff positions. For FY 2016, there are 18 staff positions, with 9.09 FTEs (part of 15 positions) charged to WF.

VIII. Program Highlights/Best Practices

The New Americans Center (NAC) in Lynn (greater Boston/North Shore) is a consortium of ECBOs and resettlement agency partners, providing a range of social services under one roof. Located in an area where refugees live and work, the NAC is a strong community resource, and a good example of collaborative practices.

Sections to be completed by **DRA**, **URM**, **DRH**, and **DRS** are highlighted as indicated.

Appendix A - ORR Funding Overview for FY 2016 - Massachusetts

ORR Funding Massachusetts - FY2016	
Cash & Medical Assistance (CMA) ¹	\$14,803,860
Social Services (SS) ¹	\$1,447,813
Targeted Assistance Formula (TA-F) ¹	\$818,391
Wilson Fish (WF) ²	\$3,814,588
Refugee School Impact (RSI) ³	\$471,749
Targeted Assistance Discretionary (TA-D) ³	\$186,225
Services to Older Refugees (SOR) ³	\$97,200
Cuban/Haitian (C/H) ³	\$0
Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) ³	\$128,055
Matching Grant (MG) ⁴	\$484,000
Preferred Communities (PC) ⁵	\$0
Individual Development Accounts (IDA) ⁶	\$0
Micro-enterprise Development (MED) ⁶	\$250,000
Family Child Care Microenterprise Development (RFCCMED) ⁶	\$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help (ECS-H) ⁶	\$0
Refugee Agricultural Partnership (RAPP) ⁶	\$0
Survivors of Torture (SOT) ⁶	\$775,820
Total	\$19,143,143

Footnotes: This table represents a snapshot of ORR funding available to date for FY 2016. Amounts may vary as new funding opportunities are awarded and as continuation applications are processed. In addition, amounts may also vary as grantees sub-award funds throughout their network.

¹ CMA amounts listed here are for FY 2016 awards to date. SS and TA-F Grant amounts listed here are for FY 2016 allocations listed in the FY 2016 Final Notices.

² WF figures are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016.

³ Funding figures for the State Discretionary grants: RSI, TAG-D, RHP, and C/H are FY 2016/16 awards for use in FY 2016. SOR funds are a set-aside of the RSS formula grant.

⁴ FY 2016 MG funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates. MG funds are awarded on a per capita basis, so the funds available within the state are listed here.

⁵ FY 2016 PC funds are awarded to the national Resettlement Agencies, which allocate these funds to their local affiliates on a programmatic rather than a per capita basis, so the PC funds available within the state may not be shown on this chart.

⁶ Funding figures for the IDA, MED, SOT, ECS-H, and RAPP shown in this table are FY 2015/16 awards for use in FY 2016. These grants are not managed by the state and may be awarded to different organizations within a state.

State:	Massachusetts
Profile FFY:	FY2016

*Regional Offices to complete for profile
5/1 of the current FFY year*

ORR Regional Representative:	Julie Munro			
ORR Eligible Populations	Refugee	Asylee	C/H	Other
Previous FFY Numbers	1688	144	85	99
ORR Populations Total	2,016			
Profile FFY Year Numbers	1,734	88	348	100
ORR Populations Total	2,270			

Top 5 Countries	Number
Dem. Rep. Congo	339
Haiti	334
Iraq	332
Somalia	263
Bhutan	221

Cash and Medical Assistance (CMA) Program	Total FFY Expenditures
Refuge Cash Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	\$3,050,321
Refugee Medical Assistance (include WF CMA as applicable)	\$0
Refugee Medical Screening (include WF CMA as applicable)	\$1,758,132
Unaccompanied Refugee Minors	\$7,109,143

Cash Assistance Levels	Single
Refugee Cash Assistance	\$428
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	\$428
Wilson/Fish or Public/Private Partnership	\$428

CMA Total ORR Authorized FFY Award	\$10,169,380
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FFY OUTCOMES (GPRA-AOC)

Refugee Social Services FFY Allocation	\$1,447,813
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Employability Services (0-60 months e

Targeted Assistance Formula FFY Allocation	\$818,391
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State Plan (year last approved)	2017
Current FFY CMA Budget Estimate Total	\$14,803,860
Monitoring (year last conducted)	2015
Medicaid Expanded State?	yes

Caseload	1,661
Entered Employments	1,171
Outcome Rate	71%
Cash Terminations	642
Termination Rate	72%
Retentions (90-day)	86%
Average Wage	\$11.1

ORR Discretionary Grants	Amount
Wilson/Fish	\$3,814,588
Targeted Assistance	\$186,225
Refugee School Impact	\$471,749
Services to Older Refugees	\$97,200
Cuban/Haitian Grant	\$0
Health Promotion	\$128,055
Individual Development Account	\$0
Preferred Communities (funded through Volags)	YES
Micro Enterprise Development	\$250,000
Refugee Agricultural Project	\$0
Micro-Enterprise Development Home Based Childcare	\$0
Ethnic Community Self-Help	\$0
Survivors of Torture	\$755,820
Matching Grant	\$484,000
Total ORR Discretionary Funding	\$6,187,637
Total ORR Funding	\$18,623,221

FFY OUTCOMES (MG)

Matching Grant	
Reaching 120 Days	
120-day Self-Sufficient (SS)	
Outcome Rate	
Average Wage	
Reaching 180 days	
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State Refugee Coordinator	
Mary Truong	
Phone	617-727-

State Refugee Health Coordinator	
Jennifer Cochran	
Phone	617-983-

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**Boston, MA Agenda
August 3 -5, 2017**

Wednesday, August 2

Flight: United Flight 822, Leaving IAD @ 5:13pm, Arriving BOS @ 6:54pm

Hotel: Courtyard Cambridge Marriott
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Confirmation (b)(4)
Phone: 617-492-7777

Mass: Please see last page of Agenda

Thursday, August 3

11:00am – 12:00pm **Repatriation Briefing**
MEMA Headquarters
400 Worcester Road (Route 9 East) Farmingham MA 01702-5399

1:00pm – 3:00pm **Site Name: New Americans Center**
Site Address: 20 Wheeler St, Lynn, MA (JB Flood Building)
Special Instructions: Call (b)(6) upon arrival (b)(6)
Site POC: Natasha Soolkin, Director, (b)(6) @gmail.com,
Phone: 781-593-0100 x(b)(6)
ORR Grants: RSS, TAG-D, Health Promotion
Attendees: Elaine Zimmerman, ACF Regional Administrator

Friday, August 4

~~10:00am – 12:00pm~~ ^{1:00 pm}
10:00am – ~~12:00pm~~ ^{1:00 pm} **Site Name: International Institute of New England (Boston office)**
Site Address: 2 Boylston Street, 3rd floor, Boston, MA
Site POC: Alexandra Weber, Chief Program Officer, (b)(6) @iine.org,
Phone: 617-695-9990 x (b)(6)
ORR Grants: RSS, TAG-F, WF, IDA
Attendees: Zoltan Csimma, Board Chair; Mary Truong, State Refugee Coordinator (+ 3 Staff members)

~~12:00pm – 1:00pm~~
Lunch w/ Regional Rep at **Blunch**
Address: 59 E Springfield St, Boston, MA 02118

2:00pm-4:00pm **Site Name: The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at Boston Medical Center**
Site Address: 771 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118
Site POC: Dr. Lin Piwowarczyk,
Phone: (b)(6)
ORR Grants: Services for Survivors of Torture



**NCSL Task Force on Immigration and the States
Legislative Summit | Boston, Massachusetts
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel – Stone Meeting Room**

Presiding

Senator Mo Denis, Nevada | Task Force Co-Chair
Senator René García, Florida | Task Force Co-Chair

Saturday, August 5

12:00 - 12:30 Working Lunch (lunch available starting at 11:30)

- **Welcoming Remarks:** Task Force Co-Chairs
- **Task Force Business Meeting Roundtable**
 - Reports from state legislators on 2017 legislative sessions
 - T.A. offer from NAE/WES
 - Discuss Task Force report to the Executive Committee

12:30 – 1:30 Update from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- **Speaker: Brian Hyer**, (Acting) Deputy Assistant Secretary, DHS – Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- **Speaker: Debra Rogers**, Deputy Associate Director, DHS – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- **Speaker: Matthew Albence**, Executive Associate Director, DHS – Immigration and Customs Enforcement

1:30 – 2:00 Update from the Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

- **Speaker: Scott Lloyd**, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement

2:00 – 3:00 Perspectives on Immigration from International Delegates

- **Soo Wong**, MP, Scarborough-Agincourt, Ontario Legislature, Canada
- **Janneck Herre**, Executive Director, Partnership of Parliaments, Germany
- **Maria José de Sousa Fialho**, Head of Unit – European Parliament, Washington, DC

3:00 Depart for Site Visit to Union Square Main Street

Tour of the Somerville neighborhood emphasizing economic development and immigrant businesses

5:00 Task Force adjourns

NCSL thanks the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for their generous support of this invitational meeting. We are also grateful to the New American Economy and World Education Services for their sponsorship of the Task Force

Contact information: Ann Morse (C): 202-(b)(6) / Sakeenah Shabazz (C): 619-(b)(6)

Sunday, August 6

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Putting Workers to Work: Addressing Labor Needs and the H-2A Program

Boston Convention Center 257 A

Summary: Agricultural producers have looked to the federal H-2A program to fill temporary jobs with foreign nationals. This session will provide information on state approaches and current federal efforts to address this agricultural need through the guest worker program.

Speakers: Joe Young, New England Apple Council
Mark Amato, American Farm Bureau Federation's Labor Committee

2:15 – 3:45 Immigration in 2017 (CLE)

Boston Convention Center 156 BC

Summary: The role of state and local law enforcement in federal immigration policy is back in the forefront of public debate. Learn about sanctuary policies, and actions by states and Congress. What do the administration's orders on immigration enforcement mean for states? How have the courts weighed in?

Moderator: Representative Craig Tieszen, South Dakota

Speakers: Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Esq., The Pennsylvania State University, Pennsylvania
Representative Thomas U. Reynolds, Mississippi

This session is cosponsored by the Task Force on Immigration and the States and the Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee.



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